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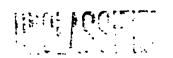
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2. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT RISING TENSIONS IN THE REGION AND THE PROSPECT FOR FURTHER TERRORISM. WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT REPORTING YOU HAVE SEEN THAT IRAO MAY BE RENEWING ITS TIES TO TERRORIST GROUPS. SUCH AS THE AND AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER ANTI-ARAFAT GROUP. IRAO ALSO MAY BE ENCOURAGING OTHER HARDLINE GROUPS AND FACTIONS TO UNDERTAKE NEW TERRORIST OPERATIONS AGAINST





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ISRAELI AND RELATED TARGETS. SINCE THE MAY 38 SEABORNE ATTACK ON ISRAEL. WE HAVE APPROACHED IRAO SEVERAL TIMES ON ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT OF ABU ABBAS WITHOUT RECEIVING A SATISFACTORY RESPONSE.

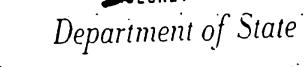
- THESE SIGNS COME AMIDST OBJECTIONABLE RHETORIC AND BEHAVIOR. IN OTHER AREAS. NONE OF WHICH APPEARS DESIGNED TO EASE REGIONAL TENSIONS. THE DANGERS OF A CYCLE OF ATTACK AND RETALIATION ARE CLEAR. WE WANT TO PUT IRAO AND OTHERS ON NOTICE THAT ITS ACTIONS ARE BEING WATCHED CAREFULLY AND WILL CARRY CONSEQUENCES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH US AND THE WEST. AMONG OTHER THINGS. WE ARE ACTIVELY REVIEWING IRAO'S BEHAVIOR AND CONSIDERING WHETHER TO PUT IRAO BACK ON THE TERRORISM LIST. AT THE SAME TIME. WE WANT IRAO TO KNOW THAT WE EXPECT IT TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO PREVENT NEW TERRORIST OPERATIONS FROM BEING LAUNCHED BY GROUPS WITH WHICH IT HAS TIES.
- 4. AMBASSADOR SHOULD APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE USING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- -- AS YOU WELL KNOW. THE SITUATION IN THE REGION HAS REACHED A DANGEROUS LEVEL OF TENSION. WE BELIEVE THAT RADICALS ARE SEEKING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION TO LAUNCH NEW TERRORIST ATTACKS IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER POLARIZE THE SITUATION.
- -- THERE ARE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF REPORTS
 AVAILABLE TO US THAT NEW TERRORIST OPERATIONS ARE UNDER
 PREPARATION IN THE REGION. WE BELIEVE SOME OF THOSE
 ACTIONS ARE BEING PREPARED BY GROUPS WITH TIES TO IRAO.
- -- IN RECENT DAYS. WE HAVE RAISED HERE AND IN

WASHINGTON THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF ABU ABBAS'
PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT IN IRAO WE HAVE MADE CLEAR

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THAT IN OUR VIEW THERE WAS NO DISCERNIBLE MILITARY

TARGET FOR THAT GROUP'S MAY 38 SEABORNE ATTACK ON

ISRAEL; IT COULD ONLY HAVE RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT

NON-COMBATANT CASUALTIES.

- -- SINCE THAT ATTACK. ABU ABBAS HAS BRAGGED THAT
 FURTHER OPERATIONS ARE IN THE OFFING. WE HAVE REASON TO
 BELIEVE THAT IS CORRECT. AND WE WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
 ANY STATE THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
 IS IMPLICATED IN THEM AND MUST SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
 THEM. INDEED. WITHOUT STATE SUPPORT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT
 THE MAY 30 ATTACK COULD HAVE COME AS CLOSE AS IT DID TO
 SUCCEEDING.
- THAT IRADI OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE NOTORIOUS ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION. WE UNDERSTAND FORM YOU THAT IT IS IRADI POLICY NOT TO ALLOW ABU NIDAL TO COME TO IRAD. IT IS TROUBLING. THEREFORE. THAT WE CONTINUE TO HEAR REPORTS THAT THE AND HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO OPEN A NEW OFFICE IN IRAD. AS YOU WELL KNOW. IN OUR VIEW THE AND IS AMONG THE MOST DANGEROUS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS IN EXISTENCE. IT WAS ONLY AFTER YOUR GOVERNMENT EXPELLED THE AND THAT WE WERE ABLE TO REMOVE IRAD FROM OUR LIST OF STATES THAT SUPPORT TERRORISM.
- -- IN ADDITION TO THESE TWO GROUPS. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED WITH THE ACTIVITY OF A NUMBER OF OTHER, PALESTINIAN GROUPS AND FACTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES IN IRAQ AND WITH WHICH YOU HAVE INFLUENCE.
- -- WE WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE SUSPENSION OF THE US-PLO DIALOGUE SHOULD IN NO WAY BE SEEN AS OPENING THE

DOOR FOR NEW TERRORISM BY ANY OF THESE GROUPS. IRAC SHOULD UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THAT THE US WILL RESPOND TO

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ANY NEW TERRORIST ATTACKS ON ITS INTERESTS AND TO ANY
TERRORISM WHICH FURTHER HEIGHTENS TENSIONS IN THE REGION.

NEW INSTANCES OF TERRORISM BY ANY PALESTINIAN GROUP WILL NOT BE IN IRAO'S INTERESTS. THE DANGERS OF ESCALATION ARE CLEAR. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER TO PLACE IRAO ON OUR LIST OF STATES WHO SUPPORT TERRORISM. SHOULD NEW TERRORIST ACTS BE LAUNCHED BY GROUPS SUPPORTED BY IRAO. THE EFFECT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND IRAO'S RELATIONS WITH THE WEST WILL INEVITABLY BE SERIOUS. WE URGE YOU TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO PREVENT ANY NEW TERRORIST INCIDENTS AND ANY FURTHER AGGRAVATION OF TENSIONS IN THE REGION. WE WILL DO THE SAME.

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